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## ANNUAL STAG NIGHT CHANGED TO DECEMBER 28

THE annual stag athletic night of Aleppo Temple which was scheduled for November 2 has been postponed to Saturday, December 28, which date is now definite.

As in the past, Aleppo's Athletic Director, Noble Paul F. Bowser, will have charge of the athletic night and has promised us an outstanding show for this final event of 1946 in Aleppo Temple.

Noble Bowser, who is known as the wrestling impresario of the East, has recently signed up for his wrestling events in the Boston Arena, a new Masked Marvel known as the "Hooded Terror." He advises that this latest wrestling sensation is the best he has seen in a long time and appears to be in a position to upset any wrestler in these parts including the present World's Champion. It is very likely that in case this new hooded secret has not been defeated and "unhooded" before the Aleppo Stag Night, Noble Bowser will headline him so the Shriners and their friends can get a real close look at this new sensational grappler.

Mark the date down on your calendar now, Noble, and watch for the detailed announcement of the Aleppo Stag Show and the manner of procuring tickets, which will appear in the December issue of the ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS.



## CHAIRMAN WILSON REPORTS ON SHRINE CIRCUS

ALEPPO TEMPLE and Potentate Lionel G. H. Palmer have every reason to be proud of our sixth annual Shrine Circus at the Boston Garden, the first week in October of 1946. Although the Hamid-Morton Company engagement in Philadelphia, for LuLu Temple, the previous week, necessarily delayed our opening until Monday evening, our total attendance for the week compared favorably with 1945, and we are hopeful that final receipts will approximate last year's figure. As usual the thirteen performances during the seven days showed an attendance all the way from less than 2,000 on Tuesday afternoon up to the crowd of over 11,000 which jammed the Boston Garden for our final matinee.

The program this year proved to be by far the most spectacular and interesting we have ever presented — including such

headline acts as Joe Walsch with his thirteen wild lions and tigers, the Loyal Repensky troupe of eight bareback riders, Ostermaier with his famous M.G.M. horse "Florian," the high aeroplane trapeze stunts of Les Kimiris, La Tosca the beautiful Queen of the Circus on the bounding rope, Sol Solomon in his high dive into a flaming tank, Miss Victory shot from the mouth of a monster cannon the length of the Garden arena, and other features less famous but no less daring.

Our annual animal naming contest for the children, with U. S. Bonds and Stamps as prizes, together with free circus tickets, always means plenty of happiness and a real thrill for the children. Letters from children, not only in Metropolitan Boston but from all over New England, this year clearly evidenced widespread and general interest in Aleppo's Shrine Circus. Supplementing the two camels, chimpanzee, and the African eland, already presented by Aleppo to the Franklin Park Zoo as a continuous reminder of the Shrine to the children of Boston, we this year added two dwarf Sicilian donkeys appropriately named "Sis" and "Sally."

Entrance parades by the uniformed Patrol and Band of Aleppo on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, added greatly to the color and pageantry of those evenings. Once again this year we are particularly grateful to members of the uniformed Degree Staff for their program sales at every performance.

The only disagreeable feature of the week was certain labor union pressure, which forced us to hire local union players,

as a professional band, disproportionate in size and cost, and not composed of experienced circus band musicians — at a cost of \$11.00 per man, for 17 men, at each and every one of 13 performances, plus \$250.00 for the leader!

Granted that our annual circus is sponsored primarily to keep Aleppo Temple on the map — as well as to assure annual thrills and ecstatic happiness for thousands of under privileged children, who gratuitously attend our circus as the guests of a generous Nobility — it is gratifying also to report that our effort has resulted in actual financial benefit for our Temple. Financially, for us, the proceeds of our circus during the first *five* years, without one *cent* of cost, or risk, for Aleppo Temple, has bought no less than 234 complete new patrol and band uniforms, and some 35 partial outfits, at a cost of \$11,468.00, in addition to \$32,200.00 in cash paid into the treasury of Aleppo Temple.

Our sixth annual circus is now history. It has been the *best ever!* I feel sure that all our Nobility will cooperate in making an early closing of our accounts possible by *immediate* returns to the Temple of all *unsold* tickets, as well as a final accounting for all tickets *sold*.

The 1946 results have already made the effort worth while. Only the enthusiastic support of an intensely loyal membership could make such a record success possible. With a million thanks from thousands of grateful children in Greater Boston,

Yours for Aleppo and the Shrine,  
ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.  
Chairman.

## COMING EVENTS IN ALEPPO TEMPLE

**Wednesday, October 30** — Shrine Luncheon, Copley Plaza Hotel, 12:30 p.m.

**Monday, November 25** — Shrine Luncheon, Statler Hotel, Imperial Ballroom, 12:30 p.m.

**Friday, November 29** — Fall Ceremonial in Full Form. Mechanics Building. (Last chance to join Aleppo this year. Get a Candidate.)

**Saturday, December 28** — Annual Stag Night. Mechanics Building. (Postponed from November 2.)

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Illustrious Potentate

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A MESSAGE  
FROM THE POTENTATE

I HOPE that every Noble in Aleppo Temple was able to attend the Shrine Circus this year. It was without question the finest performance of its kind that has ever been presented in Boston, and Aleppo Temple can feel justly proud that they were its sponsors.

Few realize the tremendous amount of work necessary in such a presentation and we all should feel mighty grateful to our Past Potentate, Judge Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., for he and he alone directed and managed every detail.

Many weeks prior to the actual performance Gardie Wilson, in cooperation with Col. Bob Morton, carefully selected each act and they gave Boston only the top notchers, and as a result almost three hours of constant thrills without a dull moment.

Thanks are also due to the Uniformed Units and Band, for their opening parade on Monday, Wednesday and Friday was an inspiring sight and your Potentate was the recipient of many most favorable comments.

Baseball Day at Fenway Park brought out the largest group of Shriners ever to attend a Shrine Baseball Day, and your Recorder was kept busy travelling between his office and the Fenway Park ticket office in securing additional tickets, for the original estimate was far below the actual demand. He only wishes he was kept busy travelling between these points to pick up World Series tickets for the thousands of requests he received from our Aleppo Nobles, but even with his contacts with the park he was among those who received a letter of regrets.

Stag Night has been changed to December 28, as we were informed that our first date of November 2 was too near the start of the season and we would receive a much better show if it was delayed until such time as the athletes were in the pink of condition.

The Membership Contest has started off with a boom and the contestants are sparing neither time nor effort in their attempt to be among the nineteen winners. The contest ends, as you know, at midnight, November 8, so it is not too late to enter.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

*Lionel G. H. Palmer*

Potentate



SHRINE BASEBALL DAY

OVER 1,000 members of the Shrine accompanied by their families attended the annual Shrine Baseball Day held this year at Fenway Park, and saw the American League Champions, the Red Sox of Boston defeat the Washington Senators in one of the final scheduled games of the season.

Before the game Potentate Lionel G. H. Palmer, accompanied by his officers and uniformed units of Aleppo, participated in flag raising exercises which were followed by presentations at home plate. Illustrious Potentate Palmer presented Manager Joe Cronin of the Red Sox, Manager and Noble Ossie Bleuge of the Washington Senators and Eddie Doherty, Publicity Manager of the Red Sox suitable gifts in commemoration of the annual Shrine Baseball Day.

Through the cooperation of Mr. Doherty of the Red Sox, league baseballs autographed by the World's Championship Red Sox were tossed into the Shrine sections between innings as a souvenir of the occasion.

The following letter of appreciation was received by Illustrious Potentate Palmer from Noble Ossie Bleuge who is a member of Almas Temple, located in Washington, D. C.

"Washington, D. C.  
"October 4, 1946

"Potentate Lionel G. H. Palmer

"Aleppo Temple

"Boston, Mass.

"Illustrious Sir:

"It was certainly gracious and kind of you to include me in the presentation ceremonies at Fenway Park last Friday afternoon.

"I appreciate the lovely pen and pencil set, a token of your fidelity and friendship. It shall serve as a very pleasant reminder of my friends in Aleppo Temple.

"As a member of Almas Temple, Washington, D. C., I send you greetings.

"With profound gratitude and best wishes, I am,

"Fraternally,  
"OSSIE BLEUGE  
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**ALEPO'S LATEST GIFT  
TO FRANKLIN PARK ZOO**

IN 1942, as a special feature of the Hamid-Morton Three-Ring Circus, sponsored by Aleppo Temple of the Shrine, a baby boy camel was purchased for presentation to the Franklin Park Zoo. The privilege of naming the newcomer to Boston was reserved for the children. Every New England boy and girl between the ages of five and fifteen, through newspaper announcements, was invited to submit a suitable name for the baby camel, together with a letter of not more than 25 words stating "Why the Zoo Should Have a Camel."

There were 203 prizes, with a \$25.00 War Bond as first prize. Four children submitted the winning name "Jeep," and therefore the child who wrote the best letter received first prize — Maynard Strout of 249 School Street, Somerville.

In 1943, a similar contest determined that "Bondie" should be the name of a chimpanzee presented by Aleppo Temple to the Zoo. The winner was Margaret McPhail of 41 Garden Street, West Roxbury.

In 1944, Nancy Gildea of 261 Heath Street, Jamaica Plain, submitted the winning name "Congo" for the Eland, or African elk.

In 1945, Edward Kelleher of 158 Ashmont Street, Dorchester, submitted the winning name "Vee Vee" for a baby girl camel.

This year, Aleppo Temple sponsored a similar naming contest, and we presented two dwarf Sicilian donkeys, a mother and baby daughter, on the suggestion of Park Commissioner William P. Long, as a gift of special interest to the kiddies.

Shrine Circus week this year brought to the children of Metropolitan Boston a pair of Sicilian donkeys as gifts from Aleppo Temple; the strangers each received a name and 203 boys and girls received prizes in our novel and instructive naming contest. The names chosen are, "Sis and Sally."

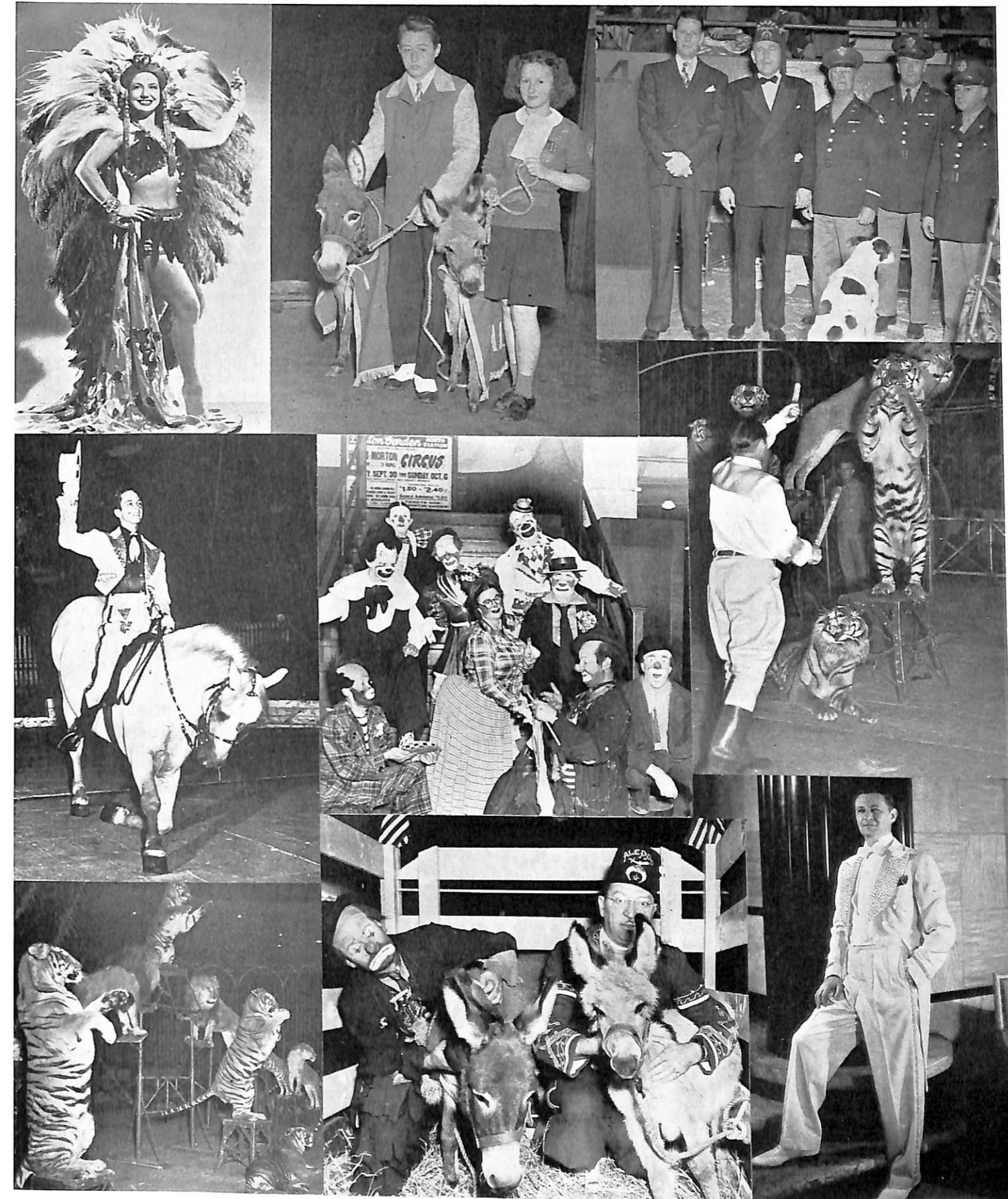
Aleppo Temple extends its grateful appreciation to the Committee of Judges including Park Commissioner Long, Superintendent of Schools Arthur L. Gould and Judge Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Chairman of the Circus Committee.

"As a member of Almas Temple, Washington, D. C., I send you greetings.

"With profound gratitude and best wishes, I am,

"Fraternally,  
"OSSIE BLEUGE  
"Washington Base Ball Club"

"WHEN YOU THINK OF  
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"THINK OF  
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South Boston, Mass."



**SHRINE CIRCUS WEEK IN BOSTON** brought new thrills again this year to thousands of kiddies and grown-ups too. Top row (left): La Tosca, daring performer on the bounding rope and "Queen of the Circus." (Center) Aleppo's latest gift to Franklin Park Zoo, a pair of dwarf Sicilian donkeys, "Sis" and "Sally," with the contest winners who named them, and man of the circus and the Governor's Staff, all Shriners; Col. William Stitt, President of New Bedford Shrine Club; Major Earle R. Barnard of Boston; and Captain Harvey B. Leggee, Recorder of Aleppo. Second row (left): "Florian," the dancing horse of moving picture fame, ridden by his owner and trainer, the outstanding wild animal trainer of the world, Joe Walsch taming a tiger. Third row (left): Some of Joe Walsch's "kittens"; (center) "Sis" and "Sally" making friends with "Bozo," Ray Cosmo and operator of the "biggest show on earth" for 15 Shrine Temples for the past twenty years.



By J. ARTHUR MCCOY  
Associate Editor

THE patrol members certainly keep in line in more ways than one. A great majority of them are active in the line of officers in all the subordinate bodies and in the Grand Bodies as well.

The officers of St. Matthew's Chapter of South Boston was installed September 9 by Rt. Ex. William Clark and Rt. Ex. Burton Nelson. The line includes such familiar names as Alfred Doyle, E.H.P.; Clyde Carter, K.; Anthony Schumann, S.; George Weeks, T.; and Alec Campbell, Secretary. Bill Sharpe and Charlie Taylor were present to make the proceedings more official.

Alec Campbell is Commander of St. Omer Commandery this year. He also served in that office in 1932-33. Rt. Em. William O. Tuckerman, Past Grand Commander, installed the officers September 16, with Em. Henry Caffin acting as Grand Marshall. Among the officers and on the escort are such luminaries as Lester Boyce, Generalissimo; Frank Thorley, Junior Warden; and George Weeks, Andrew McCulloch, Russ Lynn, Clyde Carter, Alonzo Reed, Anthony Schuman, Joseph Stead, Thatcher Taylor, Arthur Davis, and Gustaf Johnson. Bill Sharpe is Captain of the Guards, after twice serving as Commander of St. Omer. Bill once considered settling in Los Angeles but he changed his mind for which we are glad. Another whose name is not listed but who is invariably present is the perennial candidate Charlie Taylor. Altogether, this represents quite a large piece of the patrol active in St. Omer Commandery.

Em. Harold Burr, Past Commander of Gethsemane Commandery, installed the

officers of Reading Commandery, September 9, Irving T. Coates being the new Commander.

When Harold installed the officers of Gethsemane last month six of the officers were members of the patrol including Everett Matthews of his own platoon.

You will find members of the patrol in the line of Grand Lodge, Grand Commandery, and Robert G. Wilson, Jr., is First Ceremonial Master of the Mystic Shrine of North America.

The stork flew low in Milton September 23 and left a little bundle at the home of Thatcher Taylor. Thatcher insists that it is a boy. We extend congratulations.

I hope that our Recorder will get the cooperation he requested last month in regard to members sending in their changed addresses. I am sure that the request was made to effect better service to the members rather than to make his work easier. After twenty-six years in the office — and he even worked for the Recorder, Ben Rowell, as a boy — his work is just one day and a half after another, and he can take it with a smile. His work is that of an executive secretary with both business and social functions, and his work is never done. All of the programs and projects are planned and executed in the Recorder's office and the details are innumerable. The recent Shrine Day at Fenway Park brought 1,024 applications for tickets — the present membership drive for 500 new members for the November Ceremonial requires the

compiling of lists of eligible men in every locality — the monthly Shrine Luncheons are bringing out upwards of 500 each month to provide for — in the recent contest during Circus Week for names for the Sicilian donkeys to be presented to the zoo, a thousand names were submitted. Very soon now, from the Recorder's office will go 11,000 due-bills, every one to be checked through the ledger and then receipts mailed out. But the most majestic and pleasurable work is the program in the interest of the Crippled Children's Hospital, which is our chief project. And Harvey loves it all. He is never perturbed and is always ready to listen to a member's problems, and can tell you where you can get a new car, what to name the baby, etc., etc., etc. I don't know whether he ever sleeps or not but if he does I'll bet that he talks Shrine in his sleep. Together with the Potentate and the Treasurer, the Recorder shares the responsibility for the success of our Temple.

Speaking of our Shrine Hospitals we recently saw an appropriate quotation which speaks volumes:

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crippled child."

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WELL, the circus came to town on the last day of September, and there was not only one man on the flying trapeze but several, as well as some female performers, and they sure did their stunts flying through the air.

The Aleppo band appeared at three performances, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On the latter night they did a double turn, going to Symphony Hall, where they played an hour's concert for the members of Massachusetts Consistory, then back to the Boston Garden for a short tour of duty. The boys turned out in goodly numbers on all these occasions.

Noble Allan Yoffa, of the brass section, recently became the proud father of a baby girl. We congratulate him on this happy event, and are glad to learn that mother and baby are doing fine. As Charlie Winniger, of Show Boat fame, used to say, "This is only the beginning folks, only the beginning."

At the recent convention of the V.F.W. in Boston, Nobles Frank Warren and Carl Perry served on the band and drum corps committee. Carl's special charge was the band of Arcadia Post of Newark, New York, a small town in Upper New York state, which was the outstanding band at the encampment, winning the National championship. Several Nobles of Damascus Temple, Rochester, N. Y., are members of this band, which headed Parkway Post of West Roxbury. The leader turned his spot over to Carl for the parade and went back in the ranks as a player, which was a very courteous thing to do.

And speaking of the circus — we got into trouble on Monday night. We stopped to see the show and when half-way home discovered we had left our keys in our uniform pants, so could not get into our apartment. It was too late to go back, so it was

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a question whether to sleep on Boston Common or go to a hotel. As it was decidedly cool that night we decided to go to a hotel. We were so mad we swore a blue streak. You could smell the sulphur.

C. C. F.



## LETTERS FROM SERVICEMEN

SEVERAL of Aleppo's 413 Nobles who served in the Armed Forces during World War II are still in the service. Many of these Nobles are stationed in Europe.

The following are two of the many interesting letters received at Shrine Headquarters from Nobles and friends showing what Shrinedom means to those away from home.

"HQ 110th Labor Supervision Center  
"APO 887, c/o Postmaster  
"New York, New York

"Aleppo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.  
"97 Huntington Avenue  
"Boston, Mass.

"The Illustrious Potentate and  
Brother Nobles:

"I have enclosed my check for \$60.00 in payment of my life membership in the Shrine Hospitals for Crippled Children. I am glad to be able to do this and I know that I have never done anything that will be for a more worthy cause. Our Shrine Hospitals are certainly doing a fine work and I am very proud of them.

"There have been many changes of address since I have come overseas. My latest address is shown above. Please send my certificates and dues card to me here. I had asked to have my dues card kept on file during the war and I expect to use it in the late fall. My scheduled return to the States will be in the last of November or early December of this year.

"I trust that the Aleppo Temple is flourishing in full vigor and that many faces, absent during hostilities, are reappearing at our Ceremonials.

"I wish to extend to you my most hearty

thanks for the support which strengthened me during my campaign in Europe. It gave me a real feeling of pride to observe how much our Temple contributed toward the war effort. I hope to be able to attend a Ceremonial with you soon after I return to Boston and it will be, I assure you, a great pleasure after being in Europe for two and a half years and not attending our functions during that time. I think often of you and send you my fraternal greetings.

"Yours sincerely in the Faith,  
"CHARLES C. HAMILTON."

"Harvey B. Leggee, Recorder  
"Aleppo Temple  
"Boston, Mass.

"Dear Mr. Leggee:

"Now that the bulk of the young men who changed from mufti to khaki at the beginning of the war have returned to their normal pursuits, it is a good time to turn around and thank those who made our lot easier while in the service. Although I am not a Shriner and am a long way from the locale of those I wish to thank, I am sure you will see that my message reaches the proper place.

"When I first joined the Armed Forces, I was a bit bewildered to say the least. Shortly after being inducted, I was sent to Miami Beach, Florida. Since the Army had just taken over this area, there was much confusion and very few faculties available for the enlisted man to assist him in passing away his time. However, it was not long before a library and writing room, maintained by the Shrine on Collins Ave., at Miami Beach, became the rendezvous of those who wanted to read or write letters home.

"I do not know the gentlemen who were responsible for this splendid service, but I hope that you will contact them and extend my belated but most heartfelt thanks in St. Omer Commandery.

"Yours truly,

"MR. GEORGE C. YOUNG  
"206 Farmington Ave.  
"Hartford 5, Conn."

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LETTERS OF THANKS  
TO CIRCUS COMMITTEE

ONCE again Aleppo Temple's annual circus at Boston Garden has closed with a successful week's run in Boston's biggest sports arena. And once again the members of Aleppo Temple can be justly proud of this grand undertaking in bringing to the people of Eastern Massachusetts the outstanding circus in the country today, Col. Robert H. Morton's "Greatest Show on Earth." If you attended this year's Sixth Annual Shrine Circus you know what we mean, if not, you can take the word of the officials of the Boston Garden who have said that in their minds Colonel Morton's Circus sponsored by Aleppo Temple each year has the most thrilling and superior acts of any show of this type to hit Boston.

The Chairman of Aleppo's Circus, Past Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., who for the sixth year has made possible this outstanding event coming to Boston, is very pleased with the results of this year's showing. He is very happy to know that in addition to a top notch circus sponsored by the Shriners the Nobles of Aleppo purchased several thousands of tickets which they donated to be used for the admission of orphaned, under privileged, and crippled kiddies from all parts of eastern Massachusetts. Any Noble who participated in this accomplishment and became a member of the Daddy Club can be justly proud of his efforts and if he were fortunate enough to attend a performance where these children were present he would be doubly repaid for his efforts.

Our Circus motto, "We Did It Before and We Can Do It Again," has become a realization; proof of which will be found in the hundreds of letters received from individuals and institutions who participated. A few of the interesting letters received from Daddy Club sponsors, participating organizations, and children who attended are printed below and prove the worth of the Annual Shrine Circus.

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"September 18, 1946

"Mr. R. G. Wilson, Jr.  
Chairman of Circus Committee  
97 Huntington Avenue  
Boston, Massachusetts

"Dear Mr. Wilson:  
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from the Peabody Home have always enjoyed this performance when they have been able to go in the past.

It is not certain at the present time whether or not we will be able to go to the circus this year. At the present time we have only a very small number of children who are up and about, able to leave the hospital. However, we appreciate your kind offer, and if we find it possible will be there on Wednesday, October 2nd.

"Sincerely yours,  
"N. S. SMITH  
"Superintendent"

*N.B.* The children were able to attend and needless to say, enjoyed the performance to the utmost.

"My dear Mr. Leggee:

I think the group of twenty-five boys we took to the Shrine Circus on Monday enjoyed it more than any other group that has been before. They were indeed grateful and wished me to extend their thanks.

"We of the Red Cross Motor Corps also thought it was splendid and think it is very fine of you to think of these boys who are still confined to Hospitals. Unless one is still doing this kind of work it is easy to forget that, even though the war is over, there are so many unfortunates in the Veterans and Naval Hospitals.

"Sincerely,  
"MRS. WARREN L. ADAMS"

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"Mr. R. G. Wilson, Jr.  
97 Huntington Avenue  
Boston, Mass.

"Dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you for your invitation for the children to attend the Shriners' Circus on Wednesday, October 2 at 2:30 P.M.

"We will endeavor to make it possible for some of our children to attend this event.

"Very truly yours,  
"VERNON K. BRACKETT  
"Superintendent"

"Gentlemen:

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"Sincerely,  
"FRANK G. VOLPE"

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"CANTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
"October 4, 1946

Aleppo Temple Shrine  
"Boston, Massachusetts

"Dear Friends:

The boys and girls of the Hospital School wish to express their deep appreciation and thanks to you for a wonderful day at the circus! We enjoyed the acts so much, and we could hardly stay in our seats as we watched the daring performances of the different performers! For many of us, it was our first time at a circus, and we had such a great day.

"With sincere thanks,  
"RITA MIKELONIS  
"Secretary of the  
"Student Government Association"

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
"DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE  
"MASSACHUSETTS HOSPITAL SCHOOL  
"CANTON, MASS.  
"October 7, 1946

"Mr. Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.  
"Shrine Activities, Inc.  
"97 Huntington Avenue  
"Boston, Massachusetts  
"Dear Mr. Wilson:

I want to add my thanks to that already sent by the Student Council for the abundant and generous hospitality by the members of the Shrine for entertaining over a hundred patients from this Hospital School last Wednesday. Particularly are we grateful to Mr. Al Hamilton for his interest in making arrangements for this group. They had a delightful time and one which they can carry in their memory throughout

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"October 7, 1946

"Dear Sir:

Many thanks to you and to the Shriners of Aleppo Temple, Boston, Mass., for the circus tickets received. In today's mail I received the \$1.00 defense stamp for which I also thank you.

"Let me congratulate you upon your selection of names for the Sicilian donkeys. I think they were excellent.

"My grandfather is a Shriner in Manchester, N. H., and my mother belongs to the Eastern Star here in Concord where she is an officer.

"They think it very nice that I can enter and win in such a large contest. Again thanking you, I am your friend,

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"Dear Friend:

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"Sincerely,  
"BROTHER AUBERT, C.F.X."

"September 23, 1946

"Aleppo Temple Shrine:

Enclosed find check for \$10.00 and ten tickets given in memory of my son, Stanley Charles, who was killed in Belgium. He was a lover of youngsters and I know this is what he would want.

"Fraternally yours,  
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DONKEY NAMING CONTEST  
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IN CONNECTION with the 6th Annual Shrine Circus, Aleppo Temple presented to the Franklin Park Zoo a pair of dwarf Sicilian donkeys which were named in a contest participated in by the school children of eastern Massachusetts. These new gifts to the zoo by Aleppo Temple have taken their place as neighbors of Aleppo's previous gifts through the Shrine Circus which include a chimpanzee, an eland, and two camels.

The names chosen by the judges of the contest were "Sis" and "Sally" for Sicily, the native land of these donkeys. The honor of being the winner of the contest was shared by two youngsters who proposed the same names, each of whom were awarded a \$25.00 bond by Aleppo Temple. They were David Pease, 9 years old, of York Village, Maine, and Dolores Hayes, 14, of 22 Ronan Street, Dorchester.

The second prize of \$10.00 in savings stamps was awarded to Donald Fields of 58 Pearson Avenue, Somerville, who suggested the names of "Kix" and "Trix" for Franklin Park's new permanent guests.

There was also a tie for the third prize for the names of "Kate" and "Duplicate." This pair of names was submitted by Robert P. Quirk, 10, of 79 High Street, Leominster, and John M. Kennedy, 14, of 10 Bowdoin Park, Dorchester, each of whom received \$5.00 in war stamps.

The Chairman of the Shrine Circus, Judge Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., reported that the competition this year was keener than in any of the previous animal naming contests, there being over one thousand school children who submitted one or more pairs of names for the donkeys. There being no limit to the number of names a child could send in most of the children submitted two or more pairs of names and Helen T. Simmons, 12, of Dorchester, one of the 50 children awarded a \$1.00 savings stamp and a pair of circus tickets submitted 59 different pairs of names.

In previous Shrine Circus animal nam-

ing contests two camels were named "Jeep" and "Vee-Vee," a chimpanzee was called "Bondie," and an eland or African elk was named "Congo."

The judges in this year's contest were Park Commissioner William P. Long, Superintendent of Schools Arthur L. Gould, and Judge Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.

The fifty runners-up in the contest who received a \$1.00 savings stamp and a pair of circus tickets were:

Robert Marcus of 389 Norfolk St., Dorchester; Lucille Cortes of 63 Humboldt Ave., Roxbury; Donald Cochrane of 37 Charter St., Hyde Park; J. Scanlon of 1162 Morton St., Dorchester; Carol Levine of 158 Walnut Ave., Roxbury; Lillian Waterman of 33 Horan Way, Jamaica Plain; Donald Chetwynd of 669 Hyde Park Ave., Roslindale; Mary E. Clancy of 274 Elm St., Cambridge; Robert Waldron of 17 Hunnewell St., Brighton; Theresa Kilroy of 1747 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester; June H. DeCoursey of 36 Central St., Somerville; Robert Berquist of Concord, N. H.; Judith Fidelle of 38 Pilsudski Way, South Boston; Howard Tibbets of 68 Grove St., Milton; Anne Marshall of 10 Crescent St., Weston; George Mercer of 35 Cedar St., Somerville.

Peter Finnegan of 33 Clarence St., Roxbury; Carol Roche of 526 High St., Clinton; Patricia Gorham of 422 Trapelo Rd., Belmont; Francis Delano of 26 Orient Court, Swampscott; George Konrad of 11 Granite St., Cambridge; Helen M. H. Sheehan of 54 Warren Ave., Hyde Park; Carol Hughes of 137 Columbia Rd., Dorchester; Claire Manning of 76 Monument St., Charlestown; Sarah Totino of 74 Otis St., Cambridge; Eileen Scanlon of 78 Parker St., Somerville; Robert G. Lane of 133 Hillside Ave., Needham; Helen Allay of 24 Prescott St., Readville; Dirk Wrightson of 115 Sunnyside Ave., Winthrop; Constance Baker of 27 Ellis Ave., Whitman; Joyce Russell of 25 King Ave., Medford; Hazel Brennan of 246 Pine St., Dedham; John Fox of 2 Central St., Somerville; James Stearns of 6 Beach St., Woburn; Francis DiNuccio of 477 Summer St., East Boston; Helen Simmons of 20 Milwood St., Dorchester; Barbara Hawks of 17 Railroad Ave., Norwood.

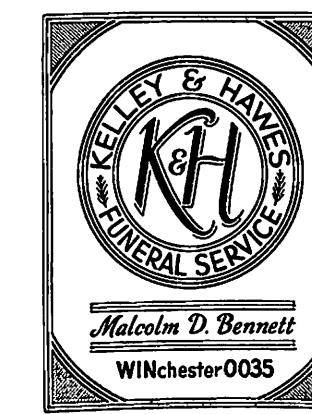
Barbara L. Shaftoe of 113 Safford St., Wollaston; Mary Barrett of 7 Albany St., Wollaston; Beverly A. Brooks of 49 Harriet Ave., Quincy; Robert Merwin of 126 Browne St., Brookline; Deborah Phinney of Outlook Rd., Wakefield; Virginia Doherty of 23 Quincy St., Somerville; Francis Rumrill of the H. L. Higginson School, Roxbury; Paul Hamm of 6 Wolcott Court, Readville; Joseph P. Flynn of 49 Child St., Jamaica Plain; Ernest Sherman of 135 Crawford St., Roxbury; Maureen Kelleher of 194 School St., Watertown; Shirley Coles of the Hyde School, Roxbury; and Herbert Bourgault, Jr., of 5 Glenville Terrace, Jamaica Plain.

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IF THERE was ever a time when Thirty-second Degree Masons or Knight Templars could become members of Aleppo Temple without mental torture or physical abuse, this is it.

With our November Ceremonial coming up, we find ourselves with a Degree Staff composed of Nobles who have been softened up by easy living during the summer and wistful dreams of their trips to St. John, Bangor and many vacation spots. The conversation at our meetings shows plainly the change in attitude of the Degree Staff Nobles. They're not going to exert themselves or be at all brutal with any of the candidates, unless that candidate happens to be a friend of theirs. Inasmuch as we have few friends, no one gets hurt.

The membership contest is in full swing and the applications are pouring in by the hundreds. It seems unfortunate that the Degree Staff takes this time to let so many physically fit candidates slide through and become initiated with approximately the same dignity one would find at the initiation of the Daughters of the Nile. Our doctors, Worthen and Clark, may be able to instill a little pep in the boys by the use of vitamin pills between now and our Ceremonial, but have made no promises.

Director Watson tried to have the circus cannon held over for November but no degree staff man wanted the ride and it would be a little rough on a candidate.

However, watch the boys anyway, they may be mean enough to be good.

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